

General Membership Meeting
January 4, 2006

Mariani's Restaurant
2500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, California

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Patricia Kutzmann at 10:15 AM with 15 members present. Self-introductions followed.

2 CHAPTER BUSINESS

2.01 Approval of minutes - Tom Whisler

Minutes of the December meetings were presented and approved with changes.

2.02 Old Business

Discussion of chapter dues was started by Kutzmann. Annual dues are currently set at \$30. Some associations have a two-tiered membership program, with Class A members paying a higher rate and their employees paying a lesser rate. The purpose is to increase membership and participation in chapter activities. East Bay has such a program with Class A members paying \$30 and employees paying \$15. Some Peninsula Chapter members like the idea of two-tiered program. Others thought that it should be the Class A member's option to encourage employees to participate.

Q: Have chapter operating expenses increased?

A: No.

Q: Is there a member's discount for educational offerings?

A: No. Only for early registration.

Q: What is the benefit of membership?

A: Everything is now on the website and, therefore, free - minutes, announcements, job openings, etc.

Q: What about voting and committee membership?

A: The Chapter by-laws allow all members to vote. Non-members can be on committees, but do not have a vote.

It was moved and seconded to create a two-tiered membership - primary members' fee shall be \$30, and secondary members' fee shall be \$15.

Information regarding the Installation Dinner was presented.

2.03 New Business

Kutzmann read a letter from Building Together, thanking us for our past support of \$250 and encouraging our continued support. It was moved, seconded and approved to donate \$250 to two chapters of Building Together.

Our past contributions to the Scholarship Fund at the College of San Mateo was brought up. It was moved, seconded and approved to continue supporting their Fund with a \$1000 contribution earmarked for students in the Construction program.

2.04 Announcements
No report.

2.05 Treasurer's Report - Larry Ford
The December treasurer's report was presented. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the report.

2.06 Code Discussion
Keyvan Irannejad asked if anyone had been approached with plans for a five-story wood-framed residential building. These are becoming popular in southern California. Apparently, there are exceptions in the codes that allow this if the structure is 40' from a property line, fire treated wood is used, and the shrinkage issue is addressed by using manufactured wood.

Hanson Tom asked if anyone had approved a unisex restroom. The CBC addresses separate restrooms for employees, but is silent on that issue for customers.

John Taecker asked about in-line charcoal filters for restroom ventilation in lieu of venting to the outside. There is a website that can be reviewed - www.stopsepticodor.com. Does this address the required number of air changes in a restroom? Keyvan Irannejad said he has allowed this in shopping malls as an engineered solution. If it's not maintained, does it become an obstruction to air flow?

A library is considered a B-Occupancy.

Can Won-Doors be used to protect openings in an area separation wall where openings exceed 20%?

SPEAKER

No speaker.

3 COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.01 Code Changes - John LaTorra
ICC's deadline for accepting code changes is March 24th. If interested, contact the Chapter Code Change Committee chairperson for meeting dates and times.

3.02 Legislative - Dennis Corbett
No report.

3.03 Special Inspection -
This item will be removed from the agenda of future general membership meetings. CCTIA is creating a list of their members' qualifications. Each jurisdiction may decide whether or not to recognize their list.

City of San Jose is creating their list of qualified agencies. Please contact Dennis Richardson for days and times of their meetings. The first will be in February or March.

3.04 Education - Dennis Corbett
The committee meets once per month - the location rotates between the Peninsula, East Bay and Monterey Chapter areas. An effort is being made to coordinate locally sponsored offerings with those of CALBO and ICC.

- 3.05 Membership Services - Patricia Kutzmann
The committee is considering the design of the Chapter pin for this year. She made another reminder to attend the Installation Dinner.
The results of the officer election were announced:
President - Dennis Corbett
Vice President - Tom Whisler
Secretary - Larry Ford
Treasurer - Dennis Richardson
- 3.06 Resolutions
No report.
- 3.07 Tri-Chapter Code Adoption and Interpretation
January meeting is canceled.

4 OTHER REPORTS

4.01 ICC - John LaTorra
The 2006 editions of the IBC, IRC and IFB are published and in the hands of the State of California offices for review and amendments. ICC's "e-solution" software is being used to expedite the state's adoption process. The software will soon be made available to other states.

ICC and IAPMO agreed in November 2005 to jointly publish the International Plumbing and International Mechanical codes by 2009. Another meeting will be held in February 2006 to finalize details. Membership issues are being worked out. The code format will keep with ICC's format, specifically by referencing standards within the body of the code. There are issues of anti-trust regulations that must be addressed.

James Lee Witt has opened doors for partnerships around the world. ICC will donate code books to jurisdictions in Louisiana to help them with their rebuilding programs. Mississippi is also adopting ordinances referencing ICC codes. New York City has adopted a plumbing code based on the IPC, and has introduced legislation to adopt other ICC codes. Pakistan has contacted ICC about building codes following the earthquake that destroyed much of their country.

The Sacramento Valley Chapter and CALBO are sponsoring an educational program centered around ICC codes. Other areas showing interest are Florida, the US Army and Navy, Illinois Energy, Connecticut, Ohio, Cleveland and Phoenix. Can ICC keep up with the demand? CALBO will need to pick up the other end of the stick and take a lead role in statewide education.

John said that the ICC staff is overwhelmed with an average of 4500 calls per month from the general public requesting opinions (this does not include requests for official interpretations). Now, when you call, you will be asked for your membership number - so have it ready.

ES Services needs more industry members to evaluate products. If you're not a Class A member and are interested in assisting, please contact John Taecker for more information. They are also looking for volunteers.

ICC Public Relations page on their website has pre-written press releases for specific issues. Some are seasonal, others address general items. Check it out.

The NIS report on the collapse of the World Trade Center will undoubtedly result in code change proposals. ICC's committee will review the report and suggest changes soon.

ICC is involved in Project HERO - a national project to eliminate barriers at the homes of veterans.

Mexico's President Vincente Fox announced they are adopting the IRC. ICC has partnered with the World Bank to assist with adoption and enforcement. This model may be used in other countries facing situations similar to those in Mexico.

4.02 CALBO - Sheila Lee

Steve Jensen was not confirmed and is no longer working with the state accessibility committee.

CALBO has made improvements to their e-mail system and their web site.

All board members are writing articles for the newsletter.

ABM information is not yet available. The hotel is taking room reservations anyway.

4.03 International Evaluation Service - Fred Herman

No report.

4.04 IAEI - John Taecker

No report.

4.05 IAS - Sheila Lee

Mike Bouse is a new board member.

Curtis Mann, the Mayor of New Orleans, wrote an article about Hurricane Katrina.

The City of Las Vegas applied for accreditation. It may be the first jurisdiction to achieve this certification.

5 ADJOURNMENT

President Patricia Kutzmann adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Whisler, Secretary